1U./ 563574 !AP15 Rec'd PCT/PTO 06 JAN 2006 Attorney's Docket No. 027651-292

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Patent Application of | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lars Ake NASLUND et al. | Group Art Unit: |
| Application No.: Unassigned | Examiner: |
| Filed: January 6, 2006 | Confirmation No.: |
| For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR STERILIZATION | |

FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1.1 6 4

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The listed documents were cited in the International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL PC

Date January 6, 2006

Matthew L. Schneider

Registration No. 32,814

P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, VA 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620

JAP15 Rec'd PCT/PTO 06 JAN 2006

| <i>.</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO & 1449B/PTO | | | | Complete if Known | | | | | | |
| FIRST | | | | Application Number | Unassigned | 10/56357 | | | | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE | | | ISCLOSURE | Filing Date | January 6, 2006 | | | | | |
| STATEMENT BY APPLICANT | | First Named Inventor | UND et al. | | | | | | | |
| | (use as man | y sheets a | s necessary) | Examiner Name | | | | | | |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Attorney Docket Number | 027651-292 | | | | | |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Examiner Document Kind Code Initials Number (if known) | | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY) | | |
| | 6,221,216 | B1 | Nablo et al. | 04-24-2001 | | |
| | 6,039,922 | | Swank et al. | 03-21-2000 | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | - | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| | | | | | STATUS | | | | | | |
| Examiner Initials | Document Number | Kind Code (if known) | Country | Date of Publication (MM-DD-YYYY) | Translation | Partial Translation | Eng. Lang. Summary | Search Report | IPER | Abstract | Cited in Spec |
| | *595 248 | | Switzerland | 02-15-1978 | | | | X | | | \square |
| | *1 470 990 | | Great Britain | 04-21-1977 | | | | X | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | \vdash |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | - | <u> </u> | | |
| | | | | | | | | - | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | l | | | | | |

| NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Examiner Initials | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

*Copy Attached

| Examiner | i i | Date | |
|-----------|-----|------------|--|
| | | Date | |
| Signature | | Concidered | |
| Oignature | | Considered | |
| | | | |

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

Form Letters1